

**I CLAIM:**

1. A composite double component packaging material, comprising: a first component including a base sheet of a paper material, and a second component adhered to the first component, wherein the second component is formed as a tubular sleeve of a thin film of plastic material, wherein the plastic material is a material approved for containing food products.

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2. A composite packaging material according to claim 1, wherein said thin film tubular sleeve has a transversal dimension smaller than a corresponding transversal dimension of the base sheet, so as to leave an edge on at least one side of the base sheet uncovered by the thin film tubular sleeve.

3. A composite packaging material according to claim 1, wherein adhesion between the base sheet and the tubular sleeve is provided such that less than their entire contacting surfaces are adhered to one another, so as to leave at least one not adherent peripheral edge where the tubular sleeve is opened to insert the food product.

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4. A composite packaging material according to claim 3, wherein the tubular sleeve has a longitudinal dimension smaller than a corresponding longitudinal dimension of the base sheet, so as to leave at least one free longitudinal edge of the base sheet, wherein the at least one free longitudinal edge is provided with a glue stripe which forms a hermetically sealable closure for the package.

5. A composite packaging material according to claim 4, wherein the glue stripe is a pressure responsive adhesive or a pressure sensitive adhesive.

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7. A composite packaging material according to claim 1, wherein adhesion between the first component and the second component extends to less than their entire contacting surfaces so as to leave at least one not adherent peripheral edge where the first or second component is folded.

8. A composite packaging material according to claim 1, wherein the first component includes at least one longitudinal weakness line along which the first component can be torn, and the second component includes at least one correspondingly located longitudinal weakness line along which the second component can be torn.

9. A composite packaging material according to claim 8, wherein the longitudinal weakness lines of the first and second components are realized by scoring and are located at approximately a central lateral position.

10. A composite packaging material according to claim 8, wherein the longitudinal weakness lines of the first and second components are realized by scoring and are located at a laterally offset position.

11. A composite packaging material according to claim 1, wherein the double component packaging material is transversely welded at one end edge, so as to provide a bag package structure.

12. A composite double-layer packaging material, comprising: a first paper support layer, and a second layer adhered to the first layer so as to form a double-layer sheet, wherein the second layer is formed of a thin film of plastic material that

is hygienically acceptable for contact with food products) wherein the thin film has a transversal dimension not smaller than a transversal dimension of the first paper support layer, such that the thin film overlays the first paper support layer to form the double-layer sheet and additionally forms at least one foldable free flap (to cover a food product laid upon the double-layer sheet) wherein the at least one foldable free flap is provided by longitudinally cutting a tubular sleeve of the plastic material forming the second layer.)

13. A composite double-layer packaging material according to claim 12, wherein the thin film of hygienically acceptable material forms two opposed foldable free flaps.

14. A composite double-layer packaging material according to claim 13, wherein the two opposed foldable free flaps, after having been folded upon the food product, are intermediately juxtaposed.

15. A composite double-layer packaging material according to claim 13, wherein the two opposed foldable free flaps, after having been folded upon the food product, overlap one another.

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